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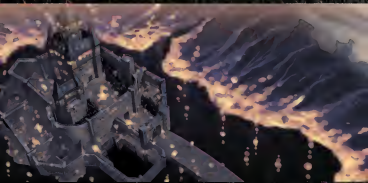


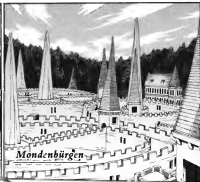




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Unter Morgen Monde
(*Under the Morning Moons*)

◆ I ◆





THAT'S
THE SEVEN
HEROES'
CAMP...!!!

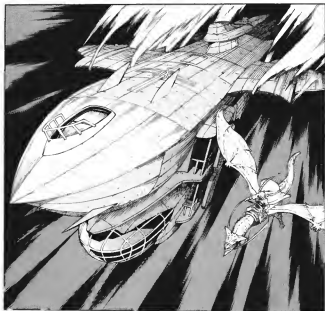


THOSE
SEVEN...



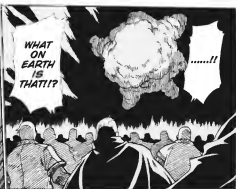
...ARE
RIGHT
OVER
THERE
.....!!



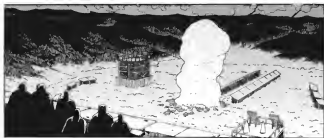


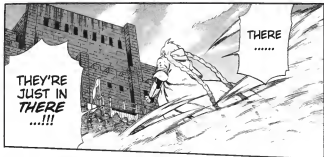


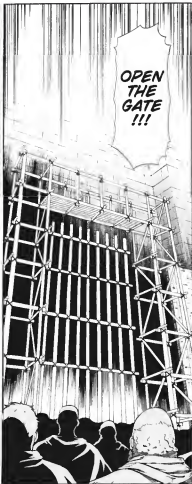


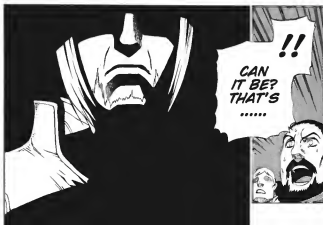














...MAR-
QUIS
GLENN
...!!!











Unter Morgen Monde
(Under the Morning Moons)

◆ II ◆





...BE MADE
TO PRACTICE
ALONGSIDE
THIS LOW
COMMONER?!

WHY
SHOULD
I...



...COMPRISE
A SPECIAL
SQUAD
CHARGED WITH
A MISSION
FROM THE
EMPEROR.

REGARD-
LESS, THE
FOURTEEN
OF YOU
STANDING
HERE
NOW...



SOME OF
YOU ARE
MEETING
TODAY FOR
THE FIRST
TIME.

OTHERS MAY
ALREADY BE
ACQUAINTED.



THESE SPEARS...
THEY'RE PROOF
THAT WE ARE
EMISSARIES OF
THE EMPEROR!

DON'T
LOOK SO
UNIMPRESSED,
ASCHERITI!!







GYAA-
AAAA-
AAAA-
AAH!!!



WE SAW
THAT THE
SEAL'S DESTRU-
CTION...
...HAS
CEASED.

WELCOME
BACK,
ASCHERIT.

IT APPEARS
YOU'VE FINISHED
THE MISSION.



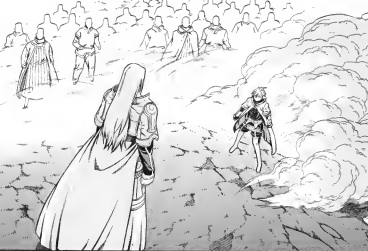
NOW...

...YOU'VE
EARNED
YOUR
REST.

THANKS
FOR YOUR
SERVICE
TO THE
EMPIRE...



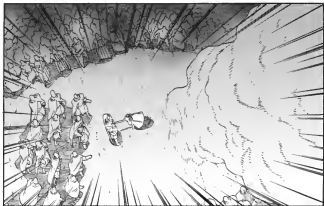








RRRR-
RAAA-
AAAA-
ARGH
!!!





















...ENMITY
TOWARD
OUR
PEOPLE IS
HARDLY
UNEXPECT-
ED.

FOR A
CHILD
OF THE
BORDER-
LANDS...



BUT WITH
THE WALL
IN THE WAY,
THERE WAS
LITTLE WE
COULD DO
TO AID
THEM.....

WAR IN THE
BORDER-
LANDS HAS
BROUGHT
LONG
SUFFERING
UPON THEIR
PEOPLE!



...SIMPLY
A **WEAK**
SOUL IN
NEED OF
SAVING.

HE
IS...

DO NOT
BLAME
THIS
BOY!!



...IT IS ALSO
A CHANCE
FOR US TO
SAVE
THE POOR
PEOPLE OF
THE BORDER-
LANDS!!!

AN ILL
OMEN
THOUGH
IT MAY
BE...

NOW...
YOU'VE JUST
WITNESSED
THE
BARRIER
FADING
AWAY!!





TOVA
LANDER



YOU'VE
ENDURED
MUCH...
BOY.

BUT YOU
NEEDN'T
FEAR ANY
LONGER...



WHAT
DEEP
COM-
PAS-
SION
...!!!

OHH...!!
LORD
GLENN

TREATING
HIS OWN
ATTACKER
WITH SUCH
KINDNESS

...



LORD
GLENN
!!

LORD
GLENN
!!

LORD
GLENN
!!

LORD
GLENN
!!

LORD
GLENN
!!

LORD
GLENN
!!

RA AAAAAH!



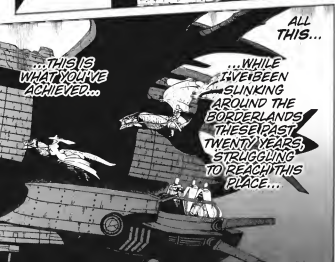


IN ORDER
TO ACHIEVE
ALL THIS...



...AND
BROUGHT
SHAME
TO OUR
NAMES...

...YOU
BUTCHERED
THE FOUR
OF US,
LAUGHING
ALL THE
WHILE...



ALL
THIS...

...THIS IS
WHAT YOU'VE
ACHIEVED...

...WHILE
I'VE BEEN
SLINKING
AROUND THE
BORDERLANDS
THESE PAST
TWENTY YEARS,
STRUGGLING
TO REACH THIS
PLACE...

...THE
"POWER"
THAT
GLENN
HAS
OBTAINED.

THIS
IS...







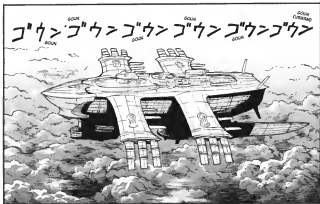




Langer Regen
(The Long Rain)

◆ I ◆











DAMMIT
*****!!



YEAH
...

HE...
HE WAS...



...
**SENT
AWAY
!?**

**ARE YOU
TELLING
ME HE
WAS LET
GO—NO
QUES-
TIONS
ASKED!?**



THE ELF-
LOOKIN' KID?
WHY DO YOU
CARE ABOUT
HIM...?

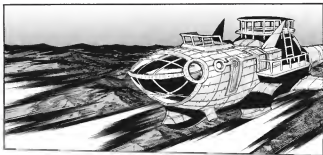
.....?











KÖINZELL!!?









KÖIN-
ZELL'S
GONNA
.....!!

WIED!!



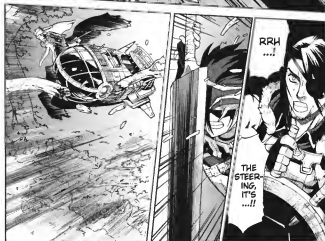
AH,
SCREW
IT!!

!!



TCH
....!!!



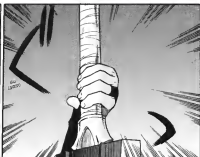














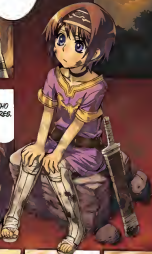




YOU'LL NEVER GET ANY MARRIAGE OFFERS LOOKING LIKE SOME WILD GIRL...

...AHT.

LOOK AT YOU. ALL COVERED IN MUD AGAIN...



I JUST WANNA BE ONE OF THE GUYS. BIG BRO! YOU AND ME. BIG BADASS KNIGHTS ON THE BATTLEFIELD!

WHO CARES.



BIG BRO...



AH, W-WAIT FOR ME!

LET'S HEAD HOME, AHT!

YOU'RE HOPE-LESS...



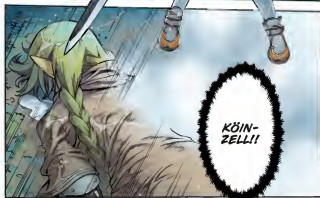
D-DAMNIT! SO WHAT?!

YOU'RE NOT A GUY, YOU KNOW.



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(The Long Rain)

◇III◇







...I'LL
CUT YOU
DOWN!!



...MOVE
...
I'LL
ASK
YOU
ONCE
...IF
YOU
RE-
FUSE



...WHAT
NOW?

WH...

I JUST
JUMPED IN
WITHOUT
THINKING...



SH-

SHUT
UP!!



PLEASE.....
DON'T
KILL HIM!!

...BUT
I OWE
HIM MY
LIFE...!

I DON'T
KNOW WHY
YOU WANT
TO KILL
KÖINZELL.....







SO THAT
KID WAS THE
"HERO OF
THE BORDER-
LANDS"....?

THE
FIGHTING
BROUGHT
GREAT
SUFFERING
TO THE
PEOPLE...

A BAND OF
REBELS CALLING
THEMSELVES THE
BLACK WING ARMY
WAS AMASSING
TROOPS IN THE
BORDERLANDS.

...YES.





HE DIDN'T
APPEAR
TERRIBLY
STRONG,
BUT.....



THAT
BOY IS
THE ONE
RESPON-
SIBLE...

**KÖIN-
ZELL!**

THREE
WEEKS AGO,
THE BLACK
WING ARMY
WAS WIPED
OUT BY A
SINGLE
SWORDSMAN
ACTING
ALONE.



THAT KID?
REALLY...?

A GUY
AS STRONG
AS YOU
COULDN'T
BEAT
HIM...?



...I
COULDN'T
STOP HIM.
NOT FROM
COMING
HERE...

...THOUGH
I TRIED...



...KILLED
MASTER
KRATTI?

KÖIN-
ZELL...





I AM
THE THIRD
PRINCESS
OF THE
KSCHAR-
LUNDO
CLAN—
AHT!

AS
PUNISH-
MENT FOR
TAKING
THE LIFE
OF MY
BROTHER,
KRATT...

...I WILL
TAKE
YOURS
!!!

...KÖIN-
ZELL...

!!















...HIS
BLADE WILL
EVENTUALLY
FIND THE
SEVEN
HEROES...

IF WE
UNDERESTIMATE
HIS POWER
BECAUSE OF
HIS CHILDISH
APPEARANCE...



BEFORE
THAT
HAPPENS...

BEFORE
HIS BLADE
BECOMES
A TOOL OF
REVENGE
AGAINST THE
EMPIRE...



...I WILL
KILL HIM.
EVEN AT THE
COST OF MY
OWN LIFE.

WHILE
HE'S STILL
JUST THE
"HERO
OF THE
BORDER-
LANDS"...

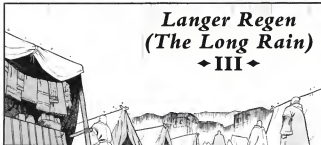








Langer Regen
(The Long Rain)
◆ III ◆







BUT IT
WAS ALSO
MY LITTLE
ACT OF
REVENGE
ON THAT
WALL.



WELL,
OF COURSE
IT WAS A
BUSINESS SO
I COULD
SURVIVE IN
THAT CITY.

FOR ME,
ALL THOSE
YEARS AS A
SMUGGLER...



I DON'T
KNOW...
I
STARTED
TO WONDER...

BUT WHEN
I SAW HOW
EASILY THE
WALL CAME
DOWN...



M-1886
ALTEA...?



...IN
THE
END...
...IT WAS
ALL SO
MEANING-
LESS.....

ALL
THOSE
YEARS...



AHADDO-
SCHADO
IS IN A
CRISIS,
SIR.

IT'S NOT
JUST THOSE
RETURNING
FROM
THE SEVEN
HEROES
PILGRIMAGE.

IT'S ALSO
MIGRANTS
WHO'VE BEEN
FLOODING IN FROM
THE NEIGHBORING
MARGRAVATE SINCE
THE THOUSAND
STONESPEARS
COLLAPSED
YESTERDAY.

THEY PUT
ME ILL AT
EASE...



OHOO
MY...

I HEARD
MARGUIS
GLENN'S SPEECH
WAS JUST
FABULOUS. GIVING
COURAGE TO THE
FRIGHTENED
PEOPLE...

I WISH I
COULD'VE
HEARD
HIM.....!



NO,
I DON'T
LIKE THE
LOOKS OF
THEM AT
ALL!

SHIFTY-
LOOKING
FELLOWS
...







OH.

M...

MY...

MY
NAME
IS.....

SOMEONE
ASKED MY
NAME...!



WHAT'S
YOUR
NAME?!

...ZEFFI,
FROM
ARUHE-
KRALIHE
VILLAGE.

I'M...

**SAME
AS
ME...!!**



UWAN
!!

**PEEPI
!!**

YOU'RE
BOTH
...!?

...!



**HEY!!
WHO
ARE
YOU!?**









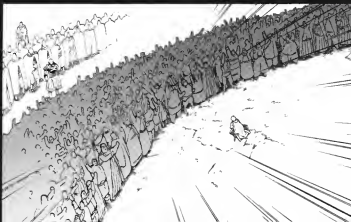
















SO YOU'RE
TELLING
ME TO
JUST GIVE
UP ON MY
REVENGE
!!?

...NA...!



ARE YOU
REALLY
CHOOSING
TO PROTECT
KÖINZELL?

BUT I
GUESS YOUR
PERSONAL
OBJECTIVES
ARE MORE
IMPORTANT
THAN LOYALTY
TO MY
BROTHER?

HE KILLED
BIG
BROTHER
KRATT!!



MASTER
KRATT
NEVER
WOULD'VE
WANTED
THIS ACT OF
REVENGE
MADE FOR
HIS SAKE.

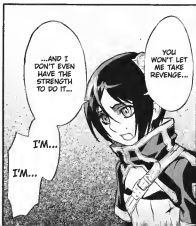
LADY AHT...
JUST ASK
YOURSELF
THIS. YOU
KNOW I'M
RIGHT...

.....

I'LL...

I'LL ALWAYS
BE LOYAL
TO MASTER
KRATT!!

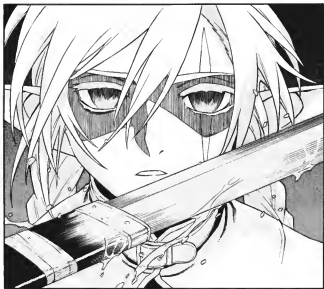
...SHUT
UP...!











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(The Long Rain) ◆IV◆











KÖINZELL...
WHAT'S
WITH THE
GLOOM AND
DOOM...?

WHAT...

WHAT
THE HELL
HAPPENED
!?



THAT'S
YOUR
BUSINESS,
I GUESS...

...WELL,
WHAT-
EVER.



!?



BUT I
STILL NEED
YOU FOR
SOME-
THING.

MAN
OF THE
BLACK
SWORD!







I LEFT THE
BANDIT LIFE
TWO YEARS
AGO WHEN
MASTER
KRATT
FOUND ME.

SINCE
THEN, I'VE
SERVED
THEM AS A
RETAINER.



THEN,
ABOUT A
MONTH
AGO.....



...LADY
AHT WENT
MISSING IN
BATTLE
LIKE HER
BROTHER
BEFORE
HER.



AROUND
THE TIME
WHEN YOU
ATTACKED
THE
MARGRAVE'S
CASTLE.....





I WENT
ALONG AS A
BODYGUARD.



...LADY
SCHAREN
SET OUT
TO FORM AN
ALLIANCE
WITH A
NEIGHBORING
TRIBE.



BUT
THEN...



AND
LADY
SCHA-
REN
WAS...!!

...THEY
SHOWED
UP.





SHIELD...
OF
AUTHOR-
ITY...?

IN ORDER
TO SAVE
LADY
SCHAREN...

...I NEED
YOU TO
SMASH THAT
SHIELD OF
AUTHORITY
THEY'VE
GOT...!!

KÖIN-
ZELL!!



WHAT'RE
YOU SO
SCARED
OF?

MAN
OF THE
BLACK
SWORD!?

...BUT
I...

I'M
JUST...



YOU
ATTACKED
THE
MARGRAVE'S
CASTLE ALL ON YOUR
OWN...

YOU'RE
THE HERO
OF THE
BORDER-
LANDS...

YOU TOOK
DOWN
GÜSSTAV'S
FLYING
FORTRESS.

...TO WIPE
OUT THE
BLACK WING
ARMY. YOU'RE
THE "MAN OF
THE BLACK
SWORD"
AREN'CHA!?

AND...
YOU'RE
PROBABLY
THE ONE
WHO
CRUSHED
THE
THOUSAND
STONE-
SPEARS,
RIGHT?



...FEEL
FREE TO
DO IT
ONCE
THIS IS
OVER...

AND
IF YOU
REALLY
WANT
TO LET
LADY
AHT KILL
YOU...

IF YOU WERE
CAPABLE OF
ALL THAT, THEN
SAVING JUST
ONE WOMAN
SHOULD BE
NO BIG DEAL,
RIGHT...?



...I'M
BEGGING
YOU.



...YOUR
HELP.....

C'MON
...
I
NEED...







WHAT'RE
YOUR
PLANS
FROM
HERE ON
OUT...

...ALTEA?



OF
COURSE.

NOTHING
ELSE FOR
ME TO DO
HERE...

THANK
YOU...FOR
HELPING
US.....



THEY'VE
ASKED
ME TO
GO WITH
THEM...



SO MANY OF
THE PEOPLE
I SMUGGLED
ACROSS ARE
HERE...



YEAH.

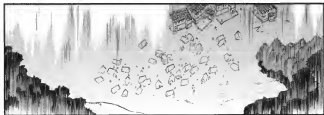
THERE'S
SOME LAND
RESERVED
FOR HER
TRIBE, THE
MIRUEL-
MIRAE.

THE
LANDGRAVE
ARMY'S
GOING TO
GUIDE THEM
THERE.



AND
PEEPY'S
WITH THAT
FAMILY?

OH
YEAH
...?





AND
LOOK! I
GOT YOU
SOME
SOUP!

THIS
SHOULD
MAKE
YOU FEEL
BETTER!



STAY
INSIDE
THE
TENT!

C'MON!

YOU
GOTTA
STOP
STANDING
OUT IN
THE
RAIN.



ZEFFI'S
MAMA
MADE
THEM
FOR ME!

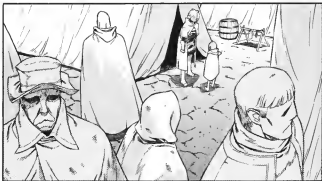
AREN'T
THEY
GREAT!?



TA-
DAA!

I GOT
NORMAL
CLOTHES
!!!

OH YEAH,
KÖNZELL,
DIDJA
NOTICE?











.....



How wonderful!

What a dear boy you are!



This is Konzell.

He's the guy who got me this far.



You can ask anyone—I don't bite!

Awk, now, no need to be so defensive!



What a time you must have had, coming so far!

I've... never seen one of your people before!!

Yeah...

Sure did...



HE'S
...!!



Langer Regen
(The Long Rain)
◇V◇



SUN'S
JUST
ABOUT
DOWN...

WE'LL
TURN
OVER *THE*
GOODS
REA-
QUICK...
...AND
STILL
HAVE
TIME
FOR A
DRINK.

ALMOST
TIME TO
MOVE.



WHO'S
THERE
!?

WE
GOTTA
SNEAK
THROUGH
THE
WOODS
WITHOUT
BEIN'
SEEN...

THE
DROP
POINT'S
ON THE
OTHER
SIDE OF
TOWN.











...AND A
GROUP OF
SOLDIERS
BROUGHT
YOU SCHAREN
LOCKED
UP IN A
CAGE.....!!

YOU CAME
OUT OF THE
FLAGSHIP
OF THE
DRAGON
AIRSHIP
FLEET.....



BALD
...!?

BALD-
HEADED
OCTOPUS
!!?

THERE'S
NOTHING
TO SAY!!

WHERE
THE HELL'S
SCHAREN,
YA BALD-
HEADED
OCTOPUS!!

...C-
CALM
DOWN!!

LET'S
TALK
ABOUT
THIS
REASON-
ABLY!



THIS IS
A MIS-
UNDER-
STANDING
!!!

W-WAIT!
MY
DARLING
YOUNG
MAN!!



BACK
ME UP,
KÖIN-
ZELL!!



IF WE COULD
SIT DOWN
AND TALK,
I'M SURE EVEN
MR. MUSCLES
HERE WOULD
UNDERSTAND!!

...I WOULD
NEVER
EVER DO
SOME-
THING AS
SHAMEFUL
AS ALL THAT.

AS A
CENTU-
RION
IN THE
LAND-
GRAVE
ARMY...



YOU'RE
ABUSING
YOUR
POSITION
IN THE
LANDGRAVE
ARMY TO
KIDNAP
GIRLS!!

THERE'S
NO WAY
I'D FORGET
IT.....

THE
TATTOO
ON THAT
BALD-ASS
HEAD OF
YOURS...



SHUT
UP,
OCTO-
HEAD!!

GNH
...!?



WE SWEEP
ACROSS THE
LAND, LIKE
GUARDIAN
BATTLE
FAIRIES
SENT BY THE
GODS.....

WE ARE THE
PROUD LAND-
GRAVE ARMY,
SPREADING THE
BENEVOLENT
WILL OF OUR
FOUNDING HERO
TO THE GOOD
PEOPLE OF HIS
DOMAIN!!

THAT'S
ALL I
AM!!



HOW
CAN YOU
SAY
THAT!?

KID.....
KID-
NAP-
PING
....!?



...A FAIRY
WITH A
FACE LIKE
YOURS...?

A...



ENOUGH
TALK. JUST
TAKE ME TO
SCHAREN
AND—



YOU
BALD,
OCTOPUS-
FACED
OAF!!!

....!!







DAMN!
HE'S
MADE IT
TO THE
TOWN!!

THAT
KID CAN
REALLY
MOVE!!



HELP
ME!!



WH-
WHAT
THE...!?



MOVE
IT, YA
BIG
OCTO-
PUS!!!

!!?



WHO
ARE
YOU...

...
CALLING
AN
OCTOPUS
!?

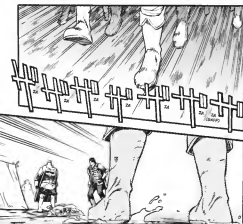
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OTWNO

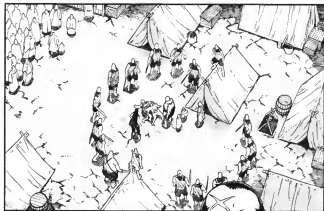


I
SHOULD
NEVER
HAVE...!

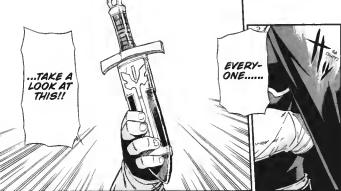
!
OH
NO!





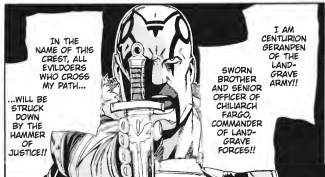






...TAKE A
LOOK AT
THIS!!

EVERY-
ONE.....



IN THE
NAME OF THIS
CREST, ALL
EVILDOERS
WHO CROSS
MY PATH...

...WILL BE
STRUCK
DOWN
BY THE
HAMMER
OF
JUSTICE!!

I AM
CENTURION
GERANPEN
OF THE
LAND-
GRAVE
ARMY!!

SWORN
BROTHER
AND SENIOR
OFFICER OF
CHILARCH
FARGO,
COMMANDER
OF LAND-
GRAVE
FORCES!!



HEH
HEH
HEH...

THOUGHT
FOR SURE
HE WAS
SOME
MOUNTAIN
BANDIT...

THAT'S
LANDGRAVE
SCHEM-
WOLECH'S
CREST!

SO HE'S
WITH THE
ARMY...!



IN THAT
CASE.....



SO
YOU'RE...
FARGO'S
MAN,
THEN...?

OH
YEAH...?



...THIS
SHOULD
BE
QUICK.



THAT
CAN'T
...

TH...









I ORDER
YOU
IN THE
NAME
OF LAND-
GRAVE
SCHTEM-
WOLECH!!

HA-HA-
HA-HA-
HA-HA-
HA-HA-
HA-HA!!

WELL!?!
HAND
OVER
THAT
KID!!



M-MR.
CENTURION



HOW
CAN
THIS
BE!?



HOW











Langer Regen
(The Long Rain)

◆VI◆









WHO...



WHO
IS THIS
KID...!!?



BASTARD

DON'T
YOU SEE
THIS
CREST!?



WELL, I
KILLED
HIS
MEN.



!!?









AGYA-
AAAA-
AAAA-
AAAH
!!!







...SO THE
LANDGRAVE
ARMY CAN
LEAD YOU TO
YOUR NEW
VILLAGE.

YOU
WILL ALL
GATHER
HERE
TOMORROW
...



FROM
THE
BOTTOM
OF OUR
HEARTS...

WE WILL
PREPARE
HORSES
FOR THOSE
UNABLE TO
WALK.



...BUT
I'M AFRAID
THE SHIP
HAS BEEN
ROUTED TO
THE CASTLE
ON OFFICIAL
BUSINESS.....

WE WOULD
HAVE LIKED
TO TAKE YOU
THE FULL
DISTANCE
TO THE
VILLAGE ON
THE ARMY'S
FLAGSHIP.....



ALL IN THE
NAME OF
LANDGRAVE
SCHTEM-
WOLECH'S
GOODWILL.....

WE ONLY
SEEK TO
PRESERVE
THE
PEACE...

NO,
NO NEED
FOR
THANKS
...



...THANK
YOU SO
VERY
MUCH...

...SIR
FARGO.

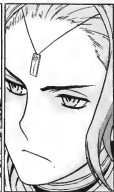
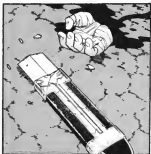














HEH
HEH...



TELL
'EM! TELL
'EM FOR
ME.....



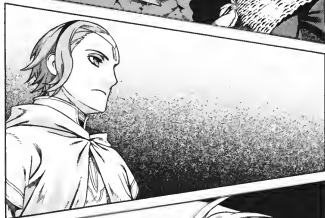
NNGH
...!!



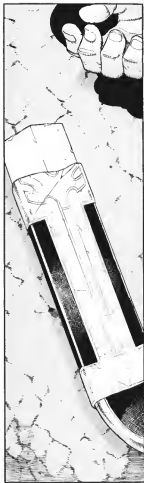








Nacht (Night)
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...LANDGRAVE
SCHTEM-
WOLECH'S GOOD
NAME WOULD
HAVE BEEN
TARNISHED...
YOU HAVE MY
THANKS.

IF THIS LOT
HAD BEEN
ALLOWED TO
CARRY ON
FREELY...



WHAT'S
YOUR
NAME?



I'LL
REMEM-
BER IT.



KOINZELL



THANK
GOOD-
NESS...

KOINZELL,
YOU'RE
ALL
BETTER...



THAT WAS
AWESOME! YOU
TOOK 'EM DOWN
LIKE A GHOST!
OR SOMETHING!
YOU SURE ARE
STRONG!!

THANKS
FOR YOUR
HELP, LITTLE
KOINZELL!



WAA-
AAA-
AAA-
AAH!



YOU
SAVED
...
...EVERY-
ONE.....

UNH...

NNSH...



HOLD
ON!!



YES,
SIR!

ORDER
YOUR MEN
TO CLEAN
UP THESE
BODIES...

...GERAN-
PEN!



SCHA-
REN?



I STILL
DON'T
TRUST
YOU ARMY
GOONS!

WHERE
...?

WHERE
DID YOU
TAKE
SCHA-
REN!?



GERAN-
PEN?



YES,
SCHAREN!
THE
SECOND
PRINCESS
OF THE
KESCHAR-
LUNDO
CLAN!

I SAW
YOU!!

YOUR
MEN
TOOK
HER
AWAY!!



!!?



I WILL
ARRANGE
FOR THE
TWO OF
YOU TO
MEET.

VERY
WELL,
THEN.



...BUT
YOU'RE
WELCOME
TO VISIT
HER.

I CAN'T
PROMISE
SHE'LL BE
RETURNED
SOON...

...BUT WE'VE
BEEN IDENTIFYING
INDIVIDUALS FROM
THE BORDERLANDS
WITH UNIQUE
"POWERS" AND
SHELTERING
THEM HERE.

.....I CAN'T
GO INTO
DETAIL...



I WON'T
RUN, AND
I WON'T
HIDE.

I AM
CHILARCH
FARGO
OF THE
LANDGRAVE
ARMY.



COME
SEE ME
LATER.

W-
WAIT!











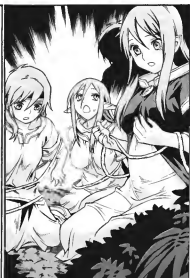


GUGYAH!!?

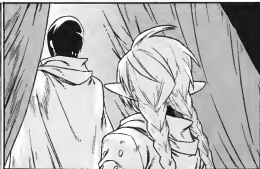


I WONDER IF—























WINGED WOLF

"Faikmrio"

The one type of mutant beast that has survived since its introduction to Szalenden by Wischtech during the great war.

While the total number of these animals is still relatively low, they turned feral and have since been propagating in the mountainous region of the borderlands near the Forest of Death.

Although people from the central regions of the empire loathe creatures like these, the beasts are relatively easy to domesticate. As such, they've been widely employed by the denizens of the borderlands.

Wischtech also ended up leaving behind a related piece of equipment known commonly as the "Wolf's Crown."

Use of this magical artifact allows for a deeper connection with any given winged wolf. It's said that when one trained in its use dons it, he or she too communicate spiritually with a winged wolf, even if it's too far away to be called ordinarily.

The specific techniques to produce Wolf's Crowns cannot be found in Szalenden, making the artifacts exceedingly rare.

Libelblatt



Nacht (Night)
◆II◆













WE'LL
BRING THEIR
HEADS TO
FARGO AND
TELL HIM
HE'S GOT
SOME
EXPLAINING
TO DO!!



NICE!

LET'S
MOVE!!



!?



GIGI GIGI GIGI



THIS
IS...



!!

ギチギチギチギチ







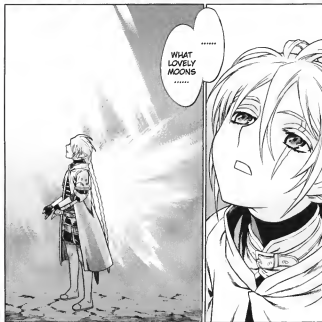


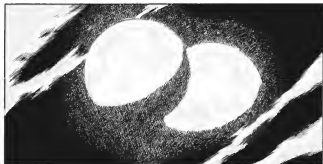
AND JUST
WHEN THOSE
USELESS DOGS
HAD FINALLY
MANAGED TO
COLLECT SUCH
HIGH-QUALITY
MATERIALS...

CURSES





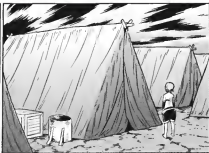






















I
CAN'T
ACTU-
ALLY
HEAR
THEM,
BUT...

...I CAN
FEEL...
AN
INTENSE
SAD-
NESS
DEEP IN
THEIR
HEART
FLOWING
INTO
ME...

THE
MOONS'
LIGHT HAS
MADE MY
ELVEN EARS
ESPECIALLY
SENSITIVE

...
"SAD-
NESS"

...
"SAD-
NESS"

...
"DESPAIR-
TING
SADNESS"

...!

...
WHAT'S
HAP-
PENING
...!?

WHO
IS
IT...?

Nacht (Night)
◆ III ◆









TH...

...THUNDER
CHARMS
!?

LADY AHT,
WHY DO
YOU HAVE
THOSE...?

WE HAVE
TO GET TO
THE CAMP-
GROUND!

NEVER
MIND
THAT.....

...I'VE
GOT ALL
SORTS
OF
THINGS.

...
WHAT'S
GOING
ON!?

WH...





OH, IT'S
YOU...

WELL,
WELL...

SO
YOU'VE
CAUGHT
ME...



GET
AWAY
FROM
ZEPPI!!!



YOU SAID
YOU'D
TAKE US TO
THE NEW
VILLAGE, BUT
NOW...!!

YOU
SAID YOU'D
HELP US...



WHY...?

WHY
WOULD
YOU DO
SOME-
THING SO
HORRIBLE
!!?



















...MY
NEW
MOM
AND
DAD!!

THEY
THEY ...
SAID
THAT
THEY'D
BE...



KONZELL,
PLEASE...

THAT
THING
...

YOU
NEED
TO...!













L-LISTEN
HERE...
I'M.....

W-W-
WAIT!!

STOP!!
STAY
BACK!!

I'M LAND-
GRAVE-
SCHEM-
WOLECH'S
...



GYAA-
AAAA-
ARGH!!



MY...

EEE...

ARM...

MY
ARM!

MY RIGHT
ARRRM!!



WHAT
WERE YOU
SAYING
ABOUT
SCHTEM-
WÖLECH?

YOU
LOWLIFE
BAS-
TARD.



WH...

...WHAT
IS THAT
POWER
...!?

THIS
BRAT...

WHAT
THE
HELL
IS
HE!!?











HE
REALLY
IS...THE
HERO
OF THE
BORDER-
LANDS...



THIS...
IS WHAT
ALL THE
RUMORS
IN THE
MARGRA-
VATE WERE
ABOUT...

"THE MAN
OF THE
BLACK
SWORD"...



...THE
REAL
KÖINZELL
.....!!

THIS
IS...













...HA...

HA...

HA
HA...

WH...

WH...

WHAT
OF IT...?



THEY
TRUSTED
YOU WHOLE-
HEARTEDLY,
AND YOU
BETRAYED
THEM.....

SLAYING
THEM
WITHOUT
A SECOND
THOUGHT!



I-I'M
FARGO...

I'M
CHILIARCH
FARGO...



SO
WHAT?
WHO
CARES!?



SHUT
YOUR
DAMN
MOUTH.

YOU
MAG-
GOT!

...IS IN NO
POSITION TO
JUDGE ME,
A MAN IN
SERVICE TO
THE LAND-
GRAVE.....



...BUT SOME
SUBHUMAN
BRAT LIKE
YOU...

I DON'T
KNOW
WHO
YOU
THINK
YOU
ARE...



...IN A
DECISIVE
BATTLE
AGAINST
WISCHTECH!!

...HIS
HIGHNESS
THE
EMPEROR
ONCE
COMMANDED
THE
IMPERIAL
ARMY...

...RIGHT
HERE IN
MOLLAN
...

...
HERE
...



...FOUGHT
IN THIS
LAND...

...AND
HAVE
RESTED
HERE
SINCE...!

COUNT-
LESS
PEOPLE...

...STRONG,
PROUD
PEOPLE
WORTHY OF
LOVE...









...BUT I
SWEAR.....

NO
MATTER
HOW MUCH
POWER
THOSE
SEVEN
HAVE FOUND
FOR THEM-
SELVES...



MY
TRUST,
MET
WITH
MUR-
DEROUS
BLADES.

MY
FUTURE,
ROBBED...

THEY
ESCAPED
PUNISHMENT
FOR THEIR
CRIMES AND
WENT ON
TO ASSUME
AUTHORITY
OVER THE
EMPIRE...

THE
WOLVES
DONNED
SHEEP'S
CLOTHING
AND RAISED
THEIR
NAMES
HIGH.

BRAZENLY
LIVING ON,
CAREFREE.



**...MAKE
THEM
PAY THE
PRICE FOR
THEIR
DECEIT
...!!**

**...I
WILL...**













SIR
FARGO
WAS
ATTACKED
!?

HOW
AWFUL

BY SOME
INHUMAN
BOY WITH
BRAIDS...

...WHO
ESCAPED
ON A
WINGED
WOLF
WITH HIS
COMRADES



AFTER
THEM!!



THEY
WON'T
GET
AWAY!!

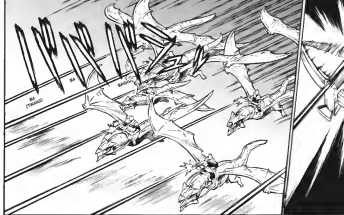


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...I CAN'T
ALLOW
YOU TO
KILL ME
AFTER
ALL...

I'M
SORRY...

...I
APOLOGIZE,
BUT...
WELL...

KOIN-
ZELL...



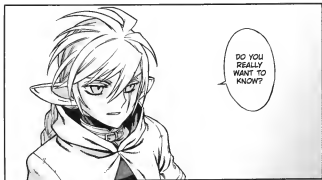
...NOW
YOU'RE
ASKING,
HUH.....

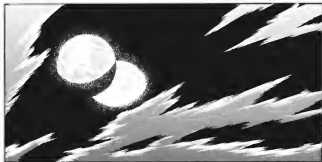
YOU SAID
SOMETHING
ABOUT
"THE PRICE
OF DECEIT,"
BUT...

...WHAT
IS THAT
EXACTLY
...?

...WHAT'S
THIS
"THING"
YOU
GOTTA
DO...?

KOIN-
ZELL...





THE
BAD
GUY
IS...

KÖINZELL'S
THE ONE
WHO SAVED
ZEFFI AND
ME!

PLEASE!
BELIEVE
ME!



HER STORY
IS HARD TO
SWALLOW...

WELL,
NOW...

...WHAT DO
YOU THINK,
ELDER.....?



FARGO
KILLED
ZEFFI'S
MOM AND
DAD!

...THAT
FARGO
PERSON!

HMM...



AND WHEN WE
CONSIDER THAT
FEARSOME-
LOOKING BOY,
KONZELL...

HE WAS
TRULY...



MR.
FARGO
HAS
ALWAYS
...

WELL,
HE'S
ALWAYS
TREATED
US SO
KINDLY.....



...A
MONSTER
.....

!!



KÖIN-
ZELL'S
NO MON-
STER!!

KÖIN-
ZELL'S

77
BY
GOLD

7



MISS
ALTEA!!

?

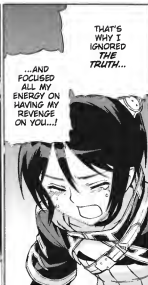




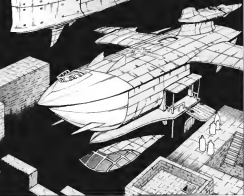
















...THE
CHAOS IN THE
BORDERLANDS
WAS PUT DOWN
BY ONE MAN...

THEY'RE EVEN
CALLING HIM
"THE HERO OF
THE BORDER-
LANDS."

AND
NOW
HE'S
AFTER
MY...
NO...

...THE LIVES
OF ALL OF
THE SEVEN
HEROES?



OH
HO...

SO...



THIS.....

...MERE BOY-
CREATURE
CALLED
KÖINZELL...

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...AND
DRIVEN
OFF THE
REBELS.

...BUT EVERY
TIME, THE
PEOPLE HAVE
GATHERED TO
DEFEND ME...

THERE
HAVE BEEN
COUNTLESS
REVOLTS
SINCE I WAS
APPOINTED
LANDGRAVE...



HOW-
EVER...

THE CASTLE
THAT ONCE
STOOD HERE
WAS MUCH
SMALLER.

YOU'VE SEEN
THIS CASTLE
AND THE TOWN
AROUND IT,
HAVE YOU
NOT?



ALL TO
PROTECT
ME.

...HAVE
SPENT YEARS
FORTIFYING
ITS WALLS AND
EXPANDING
THE TOWN.....

...THE
SOLDIERS
AND
CITIZENS
WHO HAVE
COME
HERE
SINCE...



...I AM
ONE OF
THE SEVEN
HEROES.

...BE-
CAUSE
...



THE PEOPLE...
THE SOLDIERS,
EVEN THE GODS
THEMSELVES
WILL NOT ALLOW
ME TO DIE...

...THE SEVEN
HEROES WILL
DIE BY MY
HAND!!

THEY...WHO
DECEIVED THE
WORLD FOR
THEIR OWN
HONOR...



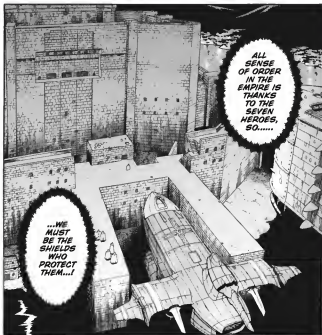
I AM A
KNIGHT
OF THE
ORDER OF
THE
SEVEN
LANCES
...

BLOCK
THEM
OUT...

I MUSTN'T
THINK ABOUT
THAT...I
KÖNNZELL'S
WORDS...



NGH
...



ALL
SENSE
OF ORDER
IN THE
EMPIRE IS
THANKS
TO THE
SEVEN
HEROES,
SO.....

...WE
MUST
BE THE
SHIELDS
WHO
PROTECT
THEM...!



PLEASE,
IT'S NO
TROUBLE.

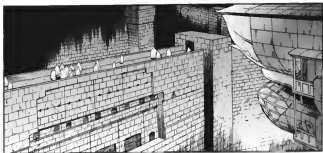
WE WOULD
LODGE YOU IN
THE CASTLE
TONIGHT, BUT
I'M AFRAID
THAT PREPA-
RATIONS
MIGHT
BE...

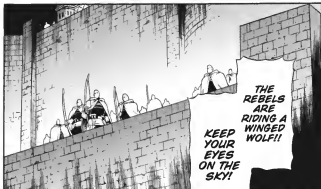


WELL...YOU
RETAINERS OF
LORD GLENN
CAME ALL THIS
WAY TO WARN
THE LANDGRAVE
OF DANGER,
BUT...







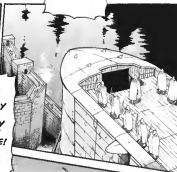


**THE
REBELS
ARE
RIDING A
WINGED
WOLF!!
KEEP
YOUR
EYES
ON THE
SKY!**



**THEY MAY
ALSO
COME BY
WAY OF
THE LAKE!**

**SCAN THE
SURFACE
FOR ENEMY
MOVEMENT!**













PRE-
PARE
TO
INTER-
CEPT!!



WHERE?
WHERE
ARE
THEY!?



KEEP
THEM AWAY
FROM THE
CASTLE
AT ALL
COSTS!!

FLYING
DRAGON
BRIGADE!
LET'S
MOVE!!



THEY'VE
GOT THIS
PLACE
LOCKED
DOWN
TIGHTER
THAN I
THOUGHT!

WE
GONNA
BE
OKAY,
KON-
ZELL?

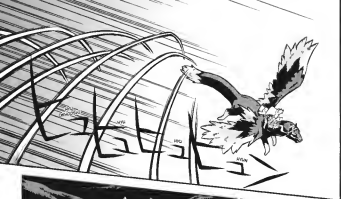
"DON'T
WORRY,"
HE SAYS...

WE'LL
BE FINE!
DON'T
WORRY
ABOUT
IT!

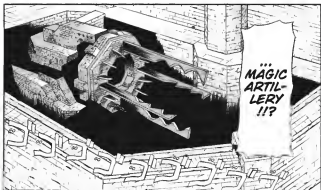
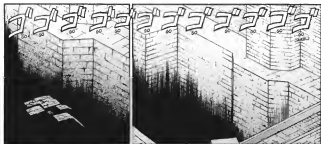
LET'S
GO!!

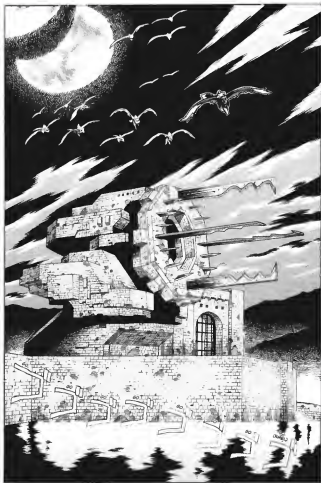








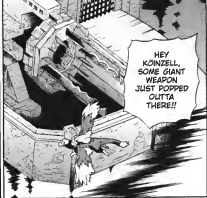






YOU TOLD US
TO "LEAVE IT TO
YOU" SINCE YOU
KNOW THIS
CASTLE SO
WELL...

...BUT
DID YOU
KNOW
ABOUT
THIS?



HEY
KÖINZELL,
SOME GIANT
WEAPON
JUST POPPED
OUTTA
THERE!!



THE CASTLE'S
APPEARANCE
MIGHT HAVE
CHANGED...

OF
COURSE!

"OF
COURSE,"
HE
SAYS....!!



...BUT
THAT
ARTILLERY
PIECE...

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THE MAGIC
ARTILLERY,
DRAGON'S
MAW...

...IS OURS
TO COMMAND.
HERE'S WHERE
WE SHOW WHAT
THE FLOODGATE
BRIGADE IS
MADE OF!



SINCE THEN,
REBELLIOUS
FACTIONS
WHO THREAT-
ENED THE
LANDGRAVE...

...HAVE
ALL BEEN
REDUCED TO
CINDERS BY
ITS THUNDER
BREATH!

IT WAS
ONCE USED
TO MOW DOWN
WISCHTECHIAN
FORCES AND
PROTECT THE
IMPERIAL
ARMY...



SO NOW
WE MUST
SHOW THE
WORLD...

...WHAT
COMES
OF SUCH
TREACH-
ERY!!

IT MIGHT
SEEM A BIT
HARSH FOR
A MERE
DEMI-HUMAN
BOY...

...BUT HE
DID CUT OFF
SIR FARGO'S
RIGHT ARM,
AFTER ALL.....



WE'LL
WORK
TOGETHER
...

...TO
REPEL THIS
TRAITOR
WHO WOULD
DARE
THREATEN
OUR HERO,
THE LAND-
GRAVE!!



THIS IS
THE FIRST
REAL
BATTLE
FOR
SOME
OF YOU
HERE

MINE AS
WELL, SINCE
BECOMING A
FLOODGATE
OPERATOR.....

BUT JUST
REMEMBER
YOUR
TRAINING,
AND WE'LL
BE FINE!



...YES!

THAT'S HIM...?



WE'LL
CLEAN UP
THE MESS
MADE BY
YOUR
MISTAKES...

SIT BACK
AND WATCH,
FARGO.

WITH
A BODY
LIKE YOURS,
THAT WOUND
WOULDN'T KILL
YOU.



THEY'RE
...

I THINK
THEY'RE
TRYING TO
DRIVE US IN
FRONT OF
THAT THING...

THE DRAGON
BRIGADE
CHANGED
PATTERNS...



WHAT DO
WE DO,
KÖINZELL
!?



OUR SOLDIERS
ARE EAGER TO
HELP PROTECT
THE IMPERIAL ARMY
HEADQUARTERS,
BUT.....

HOW'S
THE
BATTLE
GOING?

NOT WELL.
THEY'RE
PUSHING US
BACK LITTLE
BY LITTLE...



I
APOLO-
GIZE...

...WE
NEED
MORE
TIME...

HOW ARE THE
REPAIRS COMING
ON THE MAGIC
ARTILLERY WE
CAPTURED FROM
WISCHTECH?

SIR
ASCHERITT?
SIR
SCHTEM-
WOLECH?





AND
NOW THIS
FORMER
BANDIT...

...GETS TO BE
A KEY PART IN
THE BATTLE TO
PROTECT THE
EMPIRE...

AND
WHAT
ABOUT
YOU...?

WELL, YEAH.
NOT LIKE I
WAS A BANDIT
FROM BIRTH.

WHO KNEW
THE EMPIRE'S
GREATEST
SWORDSMAN
WAS THE SON
OF A BLACK-
SMITH?



...A LOT TO
BE GRATE-
FUL TO YOU
FOR, HUH?

I'VE
GOT...

...
ASCHER-
IT.

...ALL
BECAUSE I
HAPPENED
TO MEET
YOU...



YEAH!

...LET'S
GET BACK
TO THE
REPAIRS.





BE SURE
YOU DON'T
RUN
OUT OF
ARROWS!

DRIVE THEM
INTO THE
ARTILLERY'S
LINE OF
FIRE!

KEEP
THEM
AWAY
FROM
HERE!









THIS FANCY
FLYING AIN'T
GETTING US
ANYWHERE.

WHY
NOT
STRIKE
BACK!?



DAMN
THEM!

DODGING
LIKE IT'S
NOTHING!



WHOA!



THEY'RE
INCRED-
IBLE...!



...I HATE
TO BE
THE
BEARER
OF BAD
NEWS... KORN-
ZELL...

...BUT I'M
OUT OF
THUNDER
CHARMS!







...THIS
INVASION
COULD
STILL END
EITHER
WAY...

BUT AS
GOOD AS
THEY ARE
UP AGAINST
KÖINZELL'S
SKILL...



AND THE
MOONS
ARE
OUT.....



KÖIN-
ZELL...

...HOW
WILL
YOU
.....?



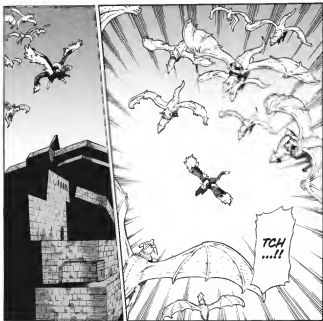
WHAT-
EVER
HIS
MISSIV-
INGS...

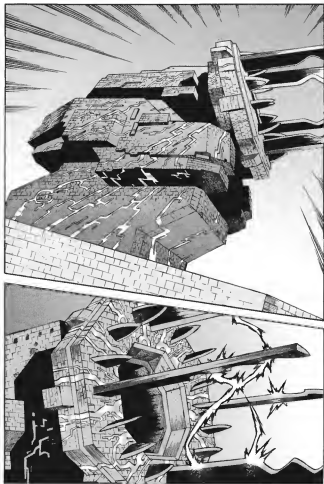
...IF THE
LANDGRAVE'S
TROOPS
CORNER
HIM, HE
MIGHT JUST
SLAUGHTER
THEM ALL...

BUT
BEFORE
THAT POINT,
HE WOULD
HAVE TO
ABANDON HIS
COMRADES
AND THE
WINGED
WOLF...

















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(The Castle of the Hero)
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IF I
DO...

...THE PLAN
TO FORCE
THE REBELS
INTO THE
LINE OF
FIRE IS
RUINED...!



I CAN'T
RETREAT!!



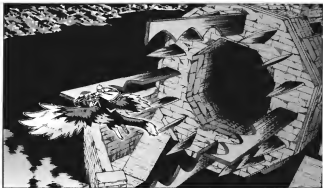
...I CAN'T
LET THEM
BREAK
THROUGH!!

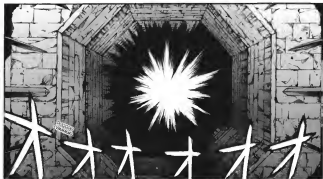
EVEN IF
IT COSTS
ME MY
LIFE...



THEY'RE
GONNA
TAKE
THIS
HEAD-
ON...

THIS
DRAGON
BRIGADE
...

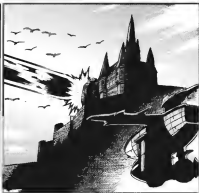








KÖINZELL!!!









WHAT
THE
...!?

!!



WHOA
!?



!!?

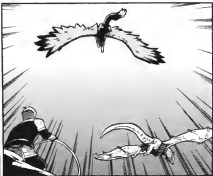


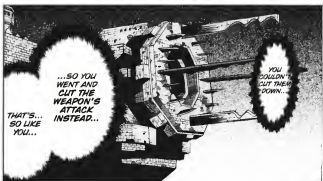
I'VE
NEVER
SEEN IT
DIFFUSE
LIKE THAT!

I
DON'T
KNOW.

CAPTAIN...
WHAT'S
...?

BUT
HOW...









**THE
REBELS
COULD
HAVE
GOTTEN
INSIDE!!**

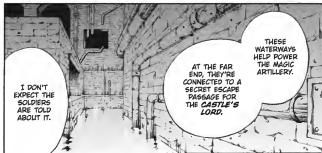




YOU
SHOULD'VE
KNOWN IT
WOULD BE
SOMETHING
LIKE THIS
FROM THE
START.

**WHAT
!!?**

I MEAN,
THANKS FOR
GETTING US
THROUGH
THAT AND
ALL...
...BUT
WHAT A
CRAZY
PLAN...



I DON'T
EXPECT THE
SOLDIERS
ARE TOLD
ABOUT IT.

AT THE FAR
END, THEY'RE
CONNECTED TO A
SECRET ESCAPE
PASSAGE FOR
THE CASTLE'S
LORD.

THESE
WATERWAYS
HELP POWER
THE MAGIC
ARTILLERY.



...DIFFUSING
THE BLACK
FAIRY ENERGY
TURNED IT
RIGHT BACK
INTO WATER.

AND
ALTHOUGH
THAT BLAST
WAS A
STRONG
ONE...



...WHETHER
OR NOT THEY
BROUGHT
OUT THE
ARTILLERY...

THE
CASTLE'S
DEFENSES
HELD
US UP A
LITTLE,
BUT...

...I WAS
ALWAYS
PLANNING
TO GET IN
THIS WAY.



HERE.



HOW DO
YOU KNOW
SO MUCH
ABOUT THE
CASTLE.....?

HOW
...?



THE SECRET
PASSAGE IS
THROUGH
THIS
DOOR...

THE
ROUTE
LEADS
STRAIGHT
TO THE
CASTLE'S
MASTER.



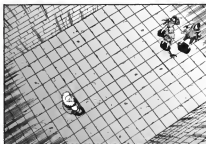














IF...

...IF YOU
KEEP GOING
THIS WAY, TO
THE DEEPEST
PART OF THE
PASSAGE.....

BYE TOUNCH

✠

KODAI

KUROKI

KUROKI

KUROKI

KUROKI

KUROKI

KUROKI

KUROKI

KUROKI

KUROKI



ONLY THE
LANDGRAVE
AND CHILARCH
FARGO ARE
ALLOWED IN
THERE...

...FIND A
SPECIAL
PLACE
CALLED THE
SHRINE

YOU'LL
...



A "SHRINE"?
C'MON, WHY
WOULD THERE
BE A SHRINE
DOWN HERE?!

THEY'VE
ALREADY
TAKEN THE
PASSAGE
THERE—

CUT
THE
CRAP!!



...I SAW
HIM...LIKE
THAT...BACK
THERE.....!

IN THE
BORDER
TOWN.....



...BE-
CAUSE
I...



...WHY
TELL
US?

EVEN IF
THAT'S
TRUE...

WE'RE
THE
"REBELS,"
RIGHT...?

AND
YOU'RE
AN
OFFICER
IN THE
ARMY!



!?

HE
WAS
SO
AWFUL
...!!!

BIG
BRO

...







BIG
BRO...!!

GAVE
ME
HOPE...

HE TOOK
IN A
WRETCH
LIKE ME...

GAVE ME
PRIDE AND
HONOR...
OH, BIG
BRO.....!!!



...SO
NAIVE
...

I CAN'T
STAND
MYSELF
FOR
BELIEVING
ALL THEIR
LIES!!



EVEN
THOUGH BIG
BRO AND
THE LAND-
GRAVE ARE
UP TO NO
GOOD, DOING
TERRIBLE,
TERRIBLE
THINGS...

...I
DIDN'T
EVEN
NOTICE!

I WAS
SO...



.....



IT'S
TRUE...

BIG BRO
GAVE ME
A SPECIAL
MISSION
OF MY
OWN...

I WAS SO
PROUD OF
MYSELF...!

**EVERY
TIME I
BROUGHT
THOSE
MAIDENS
TO THE
SHRINE.....!!**



**YOU
DID
WHAT
.....!?**

!!?



**YOU
BAS-
TARD
!!!**

...THAT'S
RIGHT...

...THROUGH
THIS VERY
PASSAGE-
WAY!!

I WAS THE
ONE WHO
TOOK YOUR
KSCHARLUNDIAN
PRINCESS TO
THE SHRINE...



WE STILL
DON'T
EVEN KNOW
IF WE CAN
BELIEVE
HIM!!

HOLD
ON,
WIED!!



WHERE
THE HELL'S
THIS DAMN
SHRINE!?

WHERE
IS
SHE?



...COULD
THIS BE
ANOTHER
TRAP.....!?

YOU...
COULD
THIS...

!!



PLEASE
BELIEVE
ME!!!

...NO, I
PROMISE
!!

N...



**THAT'S
WHY I
CAME
HERE!!**



I HAVE
TO TAKE
RESPONSI-
BILITY FOR
ALL I'VE
DONE...

I HAVE
TO OWN
UP TO MY
CRIMES...



I DIDN'T
WANT TO
BELIEVE IT
MYSELF!

I TOLD
MYSELF
TO KEEP
MY HEAD
DOWN AND
MY EYES
SHUT!

BUT....!!



I DIDN'T
WANT
TO HAVE
TO TELL
YOU...

...BUT...

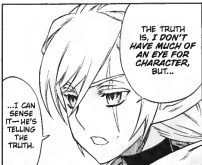
**THAT'S
WHY....!!**

...YOU
HAVE A
RIGHT TO
KNOW...





...KÖINZELL...
OH,
KÖINZELL...



THE TRUTH
IS, I DON'T
HAVE MUCH OF
AN EYE FOR
CHARACTER,
BUT...

...I CAN
SENSE
IT—HE'S
TELLING
THE
TRUTH.



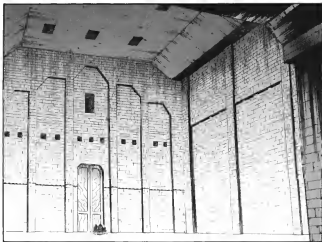
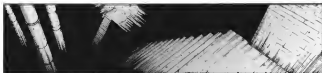
GUIDE US TO
FARGO...AND
TO SCHTEM-
WOLECH...!

GUIDE US,
GERANPEN.

















...AND THEN
SEND THEM TO
SOME SECRET
PLACE WHERE
THEY CAN LIVE
IN PEACE.

THEY TELL
ME THAT THEY
SEAL OFF THE
POWER OF THE
GIRLS' 'FAIRY
BLOOD'...

...SO
I DON'T
REALLY
KNOW WHAT
HAPPENS
AFTER
THAT...

...SEE, MY
JOB USUALLY
ENDS WHEN I
HAND OVER THE
GIRLS TO THE
PRIESTS...

?

IT MIGHT
BE ASKING
A LOT...

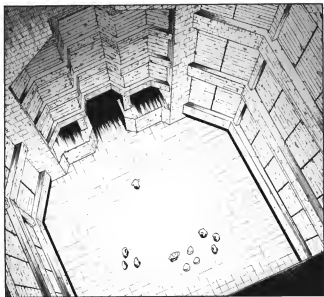
I...HAVE
JUST ONE
REQUEST...

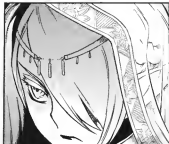
...I'D LIKE TO
HAVE A TALK
WITH HIM...

BUT IF BIG
BRO SHOWS
UP, DON'T
KILL HIM...

BEFORE
YOU MAKE A
MOVE...









JUST LEAVE
THEM AND
GET BACK
UP THERE,
GERANPEN...

WHY'D
YOU CALL
ME OUT
HERE LIKE
THIS...?



...WHAT
EXACTLY...
IS GOING
ON IN
THERE...?

!

BIG
BRO...
...PLEASE
TELL ME...
SHOW ME...



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GERANPEN,
I THOUGHT
YOU KNEW.

AS A
YOUTH...
I WAS
RAISED
BY A LORD
SKILLED IN
THE WICKED
ARTS.....

B-BUT WHAT
ABOUT THAT
POWER? WHEN
YOU TURNED
THEM INTO A
MONSTER...!?



I'VE
SUPPRESSED
IT EVER SINCE
THE LANDGRAVE
RECRUITED ME.

IT'S
UNTHINKABLE
THAT ONE OF THE
SEVEN HEROES'
RETAINERS WOULD
WIELD SUCH DARK,
WISCHTECHAN
MAGIC.

OF COURSE,
THE LAND-
GRAVE IS
UNAWARE.

...WHEN THE
LORD USED
ME AS A TEST
SUBJECT FOR
HIS MAGICS.

THAT
POWER
OF MINE...
IT FIRST
EMERGED
...





...BIG
BROT

BUT
YOUR
STORY
IS...

CAN I
REALLY
TRUST
YOU...



YOU'VE
DONE SO
MUCH FOR THE
LANDGRAVE
AND ME.....
I WANTED TO
TELL YOU,
TRULY...

WE'VE
BEEN
FRIENDS
A LONG
TIME...

...BUT OF
COURSE!



I'M SO
VERY, VERY
SORRY...

...BUT
CONSIDERING
IT WAS A
MISSION
STRAIGHT
FROM THE
LANDGRAVE...
AND SUCH A
PERSONAL
MATTER...

...I JUST
FELT I
COULDN'T
TELL
YOU...



















I THINK
YOUR "TALK"
IS OVER,
GERANPEN...



I'VE HEARD
ENOUGH!!







...AND YOU'LL
TARNISH
THE REPU-
TATION OF
THE HERO
OF THE
BORDER-
LANDS,
WON'T
YOU?

TAKE THIS
LITTLE ASSAULT
ON THE
LANDGRAVE'S
TERRITORY ANY
FURTHER FOR
THE SAKE OF
ONE WOMAN...



...LEAVE
THIS
PLACE AND
FORGET
WHAT
YOU'VE
SEEN!!

!?

I'LL TURN
OVER THAT
KSCHARLIN-
DIAN
GIRL! IN
EXCHANGE...



I SEE...
THEN...

YES!

IS THE
GIRL
REALLY IN
THERE?

SHE WAS
JUST BROUGHT
IN BY DRAGON
SHIPS THE
OTHER DAY!



A
DEAL?
WITH YOU?

WHAT A
JOKE...

...GUY
...!!

NOT TO
MENTION,
I COULD
NEVER
AGREE TO
THOSE
CONDITIONS.



...AND
TAKE HER
BACK ON
MY OWN.

...I'LL
KILL YOU
RIGHT
HERE...



BECAUSE.....

...I INTEND
TO KILL
SCHTEM-
WÖLECH.

GE-
RAN-
PEN!!

YOU SAID
YOU WANTED
TO KNOW WHAT
WE'RE DOING
WITH THE GIRLS,
RIGHT..?

WELL,
THEN...
ALLOW ME
TO SHOW
YOU.





LOOK.

HERE
THEY
ARE....!!

AAAA-
AAAA-
AAAA-
AAH!!!

AH...

AH...



King Daren,
Slayer of a
Hundred
Kings



The landgravate of Mollan is a mountainous region situated at the outermost edge of the empire.

For centuries, it has been renowned as the land whose knights have protected the empire from invasion by horderlands tribes and Wischtech, Land of Shadows.

The valleys of Mollan were once dotted with settlements ruled by local feudal lords, and the denizens did not enjoy the benefits of imperial rule. However, "Slayer of a Hundred Kings" Daren, the boy king, ushered in a new era for Mollan.

LANDGRAVATE OF MOLLAN

In 1210 A.D. (Anno Domini), the death of the great Emperor Krafal, who had expanded the empire's size and influence through the strength of his army, brought about the so-called "Era of One Thousand Kings," a time of war and chaos.

"Slayer of a Hundred Kings" King Daren, who would eventually become Emperor Daren I, was born during that age.

In 1224 A.D., as King Daren was starting to become known as the Slayer of a Hundred Kings, the Four Emperor Alliance, fearing Daren's army, launched a massive offensive that utterly annihilated his forces.

Daren fled his pursuers and hid himself in Mollan.



In Mollan, Daren encountered the Mountain-Crossing King, King Orgush, who sheltered him.

Orgush's forces were assaulted by neighboring kings, but with training in tactics from Daren, they warded off their foes, and Orgush came to rule over all of Mollan.

However, these events informed the Four Emperor Alliance that Daren had survived, and the alliance sent a massive force after him.

To honor his debt to Daren, Orgush granted Daren a portion of his own vessels and military. A king once more, Daren marched on the capital and counterattacked.

Orgush continued to support Daren's advance by providing him with supplies and soldiers sent from Mollan.

In 1228 A.D., Daren crushed the Four Emperor Alliance and was anointed Emperor Daren I.

Orgush was made the first landgrave.

Given this history and the legends behind it, Mollan's people—especially its soldiers—have enjoyed a deep connection with the capital, despite being so far removed from it.

Through the present times, a remarkably small number of the rebellions against the empire have originated in Mollan.



In 1968 A.D., Wischtech invaded, and the forces of Mollan met the attack at the landgrave's castle.

Though already on a special mission, Schiemwölech sojourned in Mollan to install in the castle a piece of magic artillery captured from Wischtech. The weapon's power decimated the incoming assault.

In 1976, Schiemwölech, now one of the Seven Heroes, was made landgrave of Mollan.



Translation Notes

Title:

Ubel Blatt translates to "evil/sinister blade" in German.

Page 7:

The Japanese characters used for *Mondesbürgen* ("moon castles" in German) translate literally as "Moon Reading Palace." Here, priestesses perform astral prognosticating.

Page 83:

In the original Japanese, Aht's tomboyish nature comes across with her constant use of the typically male-specific first-person pronoun *oku* (as opposed to the more general *watashi* or the feminine *atashi*). In the original scene, her brother Krast lightly chides her for using *oku*.

Page 107:

Geranpen may look like a brute straight out of a postapocalyptic hiker gang, but he's really a big softy. The author tries to underscore this with the character's speech style, which, although not always formal, is distinctly feminine. Geranpen favors *atashi* as his first-person pronoun and seems to purposely avoid the tough-guy markers that typically litter the speech of muscle-bound males in manga.

Page 172:

Geranpen's title in the original Japanese is literally "Commander of One Hundred," or, as the rank might be known in the west, "Centurion" (from the ancient Roman army, implying command of one hundred soldiers). Most readers are probably unfamiliar, however, with Fargo's title, "Chiliarch." It's from the Greek, *chiliarchos*, meaning "Commander of One Thousand."

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